

Man Is the Only Animal That Objects To Backing Out of Trouble and Yet Men Think That All Other Animals Lack Intelligence

**FIVE DEAD IN REAR COLLISION ON NEW HAVEN**

Thirty-Four More Injured At Bradford, R. I. Last Night

**EXPRESS RUNS DOWN LOCAL**

Wreckage Caught Fire and First Reports Were That Twenty Had been Killed.

Westerly, R. I., April 18.—The Gilt Edge express which collided with a local passenger train on the New York, New Haven and Hartford was four minutes late and endeavoring to make up time when it ran into the rear coach of the local at Bradford. Five passengers were killed and 34 wounded. The responsibility for the accident has not yet been fixed.

Bradford, R. I., April 17.—A score of persons are reported crushed or burned to death in a collision of trains on the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad here tonight at 7.30 o'clock.

The dead were in the rear car of a four coach local train bound from Boston to New London, which had stopped at the local station when it was run down by the Gilt Edge Express, bound from Boston for New York. This coach was telescoped.

Great confusion followed the collision and it was long before definite knowledge of the extent of the disaster could be obtained. As the flames of the burning cars and buildings died out, the train yard was left in darkness and those who went to the assistance of the injured worked under great difficulties.

The only telegraph lines in the town went out of commission with the burning of the station and the only communication with the outside was by a single telephone wire. Over this help was summoned from Providence and New London, the former sending a wrecking train and physicians and the latter city dispatching a hospital train.

Estimates of the dead varied widely and in the absence of a positive official statement the number could not be determined at midnight. At that hour the ruins of the burned cars were still so hot they could not be thoroughly searched. Four bodies were early removed and a count of those who received emergency medical treatment showed that thirty-five who escaped were injured. Several of these would die, it was thought.

New York, April 17.—From one to three persons were killed and twelve others were injured in the collision at Bradford, R. I., tonight according to a statement given out here by General Manager C. L. Bardo, of the New Haven railroad.

Vice President Winkey of the New Haven railroad declared shortly before midnight that reports to the effect that thirty or more persons had been burned to death in the wreck at Bradford were without foundation.

"We are absolutely positive," he added, "that not more than three persons were killed, if that many."

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**NEEDLE MAKERS STRIKE**

Employees of Charles Cooper Estate Demand Nine Hour Day.

About thirty needle makers employed in the spring needle department of the Charles Cooper Estate machine have walked out following a demand for a nine-hour day. There is no dispute over the wage schedule.

Saturday a letter was communicated to the managing executor, Charles S. Kehoe, that unless there was a reduction in the hours of labor that the employees would leave the shop today. Late yesterday afternoon the executor informed the workmen that he could not make the reduction requested and the men are not at work today.

The present schedule at the Cooper Estate shops is 58 hours a week. Mr. Kehoe stated today that it was impossible for him to give the demand of the employees proper consideration in the time limit that was fixed. The business plans of the estate, he said, had been fixed on a 58-hour basis and an abrupt change was not possible.

**AMERICAN WOUNDED**

When Russian Bark Was Fired Upon By Austrian Submarine

Washington, April 17.—One of two Americans aboard the Russian bark Imperator, from Guiltport, Miss., for Marseilles, France, was wounded when the vessel was fired upon without warning by an Austrian submarine off the Cumbredre islands, according to official advices to the State Department today.

The American injured was Gustav Olson, whose father is bandmaster Fort Warren, Boston. The other American who was aboard was Auer Swensson, whose brother is foreman of a Minneapolis furniture factory.

The State Department's information came from the American Consul at Barcelona. He said the ship was fired upon without warning on April 11. Three shots were fired, one taking effect. The vessel was set afire by the submarine. Olson was reported to be in a hospital at Barcelona, suffering from shrapnel wounds.

**SHELL ALMOST HITS PRINCE**

Kaiser's Heir Narrowly Escaped At Verdun, It Is Said

Geneva, April 17.—The report reached here today that the German Crown Prince recently had another escape from death or injury on the Verdun front.

Accompanied by his staff and several correspondents, he approached with in range of a heavy French gun, a shell from which exploded near the party.

It is said that several persons were wounded slightly and that others, including Colonel Muller, correspondent of the Berne Bund, were knocked down.

**ANGLERS HAVE SMOKER**

Pittsfield Sportsmen's Association Shows Membership of 340.

Pittsfield, Mass., April 17.—One hundred and fifty members of the Pittsfield Anglers' club attended the smoker marking the end of a successful campaign for membership at the Park club tonight at which a membership of 340 was reported and Chairman Adams of the state fish and game commission complimented the anglers on their success in gathering in sportsmen.

**THREE MORE U-BOAT VICTIMS**

One Was British and Two Were Norwegian.

London, April 17.—The sinking of two neutral ships and a British steamship was reported by Lloyds today. The Norwegian ship Glendond was sunk by gunfire. The Norwegian steamer Repella was also sunk, her crew being rescued.

The lost British steamship was the Harrowden, which was unarmed. Seventeen of her crew have been landed. The remainder, in another boat, are not accounted for.

**AFTER A GERMAN CONSUL**

Holland Investigating Charge That He Started a False Rumor.

Amsterdam, April 17.—The Public Prosecutor has opened an inquiry against German Consul von Humboldt who is alleged to have spread the recent report that Great Britain had issued an ultimatum to Holland, says the Telegraaf.

**GREEN MOUNTAIN VALLEY**

There will be only two more readings at Mrs. Charles Cranston's at 2.30 p. m. this Wednesday and the following Wednesday.

There will be only two more readings at Mrs. W. P. Montgomery's at 2.30 p. m. this Thursday and the following Thursday.

Could Hardly Do Her Work.

Housework is trying on health and strength. Women are as much inclined to kidney and bladder trouble as men. Symptoms of aching back, stiff and sore joints and muscles, blurred vision, puffiness under eyes, should be given prompt attention before they lead to chronic or more serious ailment. Mrs. George Hauck, 955 Pearl St., Benton Harbor, Mich., writes: "I was awful bad, with such pain I could hardly do my work, and I am very thankful for Foley Kidney Pills."

**STORY OF VILLA'S DEATH BELIEVED TO BE FALSE**

Officers Convinced Canard Was Manufactured in Jaurez

**DEAD MAN MAY BE LOPEZ**

Villa May Have Used Death of His Lieutenant To Facilitate His Own Escape.

San Antonio, Tex., April 18.—Dispatches received here from Gen. Belle at El Paso indicate that the story of Villa's death was manufactured in Jaurez and the search for the bandit chieftain will be renewed on a more extensive scale. Consul Letcher at Chihuahua also doubts the story of the bandit's death.

San Antonio, Texas, April 17.—Major Gen. Funston said today that the main line of communication of General Pershing's troops in Mexico, now as far south as Satevo, could not be extended with the present number of troops available, and expressed his conviction that further operations could not be conducted unless authority was procured for the establishment of a new border base, the free use of railroads, or the material strengthening of the forces now in Mexico. He said that in stretching the line to Satevo, the maximum of its elasticity had been attained.

Detached columns of cavalry are operating south of Satevo, but only so far as rations for man and horse can be carried. The three detachments that met at Santa Cruz, eight miles from Parral, now have left there and probably have fallen back on the line at Satevo. General Funston explained that the country in that district was barren of foodstuffs and that unless the columns had gone back to Parral its return to Satevo must have been necessary. He assumed the troops had not returned to Parral.

The latest reports received by General Funston in which mention was made of Villa gave the bandit's location as in the mountains north and west of Parral. Officers here declared they were convinced that he did not succeed in getting as far south as the Chihuahua-Durango State line.

El Paso, Texas, April 17.—General Gabriel Gaviira, Carranza commander at Juarez, announced tonight that the Mexican telegraph wires between Juarez and Chihuahua had been blown down near Pearson about noon, and that for this reason he was unable to get any further details of the reported discovery of the body of Francisco Villa.

A telegram filed at Chihuahua City, presumably before the interruption to the wire service, was received by The Associated Press from Consul Letcher saying that nothing was known in the State capital regarding the finding of the bandit's body.

These two circumstances combined to reinforce the growing skepticism here as to the truth of the story that death had ended the career of the fugitive brigand. The story that the man who is really dead is Pablo Lopez, the notorious butcher of Santa Isabel, and that Villa has used Lopez's death as the basis of a false report of his own demise, was revived. This story was retold today by an American owner of a large ranch in the Guerrero district, who said he had received it from his ranch foreman and believed it to be true.

Charles Hickerson, an American who owns mining properties in the Guerrero district, arrived at the border today and declared that he had seen Villa two weeks ago in a ranch house near Cushturachic and that the bandit's leg was badly swollen at that time and he was suffering much from it. Mr. Hickerson said the bullet had entered the knee and that a native doctor whom Villa had forced to accompany him, declared the wound had become infected from a particle of soiled cloth of Villa's trousers. The doctor asserted the infection had spread throughout Villa's body and was causing a high fever. The mining man also declared that the country around Satevo and Parral was infected with Villistas and other bandits and that the region was not safe for either Americans or native Mexicans.

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Crown Prince's Troops Gain Footing in a French Salient

**FIGHTING ON TWO MILE FRONT**

General Assault by 40,000 Teutons Preceded by Terrific Bombardment.

London, April 17.—After four days of comparative quiet, the Germans resumed serious operations in force on the Verdun front today.

An attack by 40,000 men was launched in the region east of the Meuse, following a severe bombardment that lasted all the morning. The assault was delivered against the French positions from the river as far as Douaumont, a distance of two and a half miles.

The Germans advanced in waves, but the French night bulletin, the only source of information, states that they were repulsed except at one point south of Chaffour Wood, which lies to the northwest of the village of Douaumont. There the Crown Prince's troops gained a footing in a French salient.

The fighting seems to have been particularly severe around Paper Hill, and Paris reports that the Germans lost heavily there.

Intense artillery fire was directed by the Germans against Hill 304 and the second lines of the French west of the Meuse.

**FOR HARMONY CANDIDATE**

Rhode Island Will Support Selection of United Republican Party.

Providence, April 17.—The Republican State Convention today elected delegates to the National Convention of the party pledged "to support as a candidate for President one who will have the support and approval of the United Republican Party." Senator Harding of Ohio declared in an address that no one man and no group of men would have any say in regard to the platform to be adopted by the Republicans at Chicago.

Preparedness for the protection of all citizens at home, abroad and on the seas and preparedness which would take into account labor conditions now and at the end of the war were the principal planks in the platform.

**WILL SEIZE GERMAN COAL**

Great Britain Warns Shipowners Re-ent Order Will Be Enforced.

London, April 17.—Neutral shipowners were warned by the British Foreign Office today that all cargoes or bunkers of coal of German origin in neutral ships would be liable to seizure under the Order in Council of March 11.

The Foreign Office advised neutrals to obtain certificates from British consular officers showing that the coal in their ships did not originate in Germany.

**TO ADJOURN ON THURSDAY**

Both Houses Agree to End the Session at Noon.

Albany, April 17.—A resolution providing for the final adjournment of the present session of the Legislature on Thursday at noon was adopted by the Senate and Assembly tonight, amid the applause of the members.

**Watch Child's Cough.**

Colds, running of nose, continued irritation of the mucous membrane if neglected may mean Catarrh later. Don't take the chances—do something for your child! Children will not take every medicine, but they will take Dr. King's New Discovery and without bribing or teasing, its sweet pleasant Tar Syrup and so effective. Just laxative enough to eliminate the waste poisons. Almost the first dose helps. Always prepared, no mixing or fussing. Just ask your druggist for Dr. King's New Discovery. It will safeguard your child against serious ailments resulting from colds.

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**CHANGE AT NORTH BENNINGTON**

Appointments in This Vicinity Announced at Closing Session at Saratoga Yesterday

Saratoga Springs, April 17.—Ninety-four churches get new pastors according to the list of appointments announced at the closing session of the Troy Methodist Episcopal conference here today.

When the conference was called to order by Bishop Henderson this morning a resolution was introduced by the Rev. John Love Fort to make the minimum salary in any church of the conference \$800. Many pay as little as \$600 and there is real need among ministers and their families. A resolution by the Rev. W. W. Foster, Jr., was adopted urging the union of all Methodist bodies in the United States.

Following is the list of appointments to churches in this vicinity:

**Troy District.**  
District Superintendent, C. W. Rowley.

Adams, Mass.—Philip Goettel.  
Berlin—G. E. Webster.  
Center and East Brunswick—Edward Hovers.

Chatham Center—P. M. Sawyer.  
Cheshire and Lanesboro—A. J. Hutchinson.

Dalton, Mass.—Leish Diefendorf.  
Eagle Bridge—W. H. Sitter.

Eagle Mills—A. J. Seaman.  
East Pittsford—Supply.

Easton and North Cambridge—F. E. Egan.

Grafton—To be supplied.  
Hosack Falls—F. T. Love.

Johnstonville and East Pittsford—George Palmer.

North Adams, Mass.—J. F. Risgrove.  
Petersburgh and North Petersburgh—David Dalton.

Pittsfield, Mass.—  
Trinity—H. B. Leslie.

First Church—J. A. Hamilton.  
Essex—C. L. Jenkins.

Schaghticoke—F. O. Wiman.  
Schaghticoke Hill and Tomhannock—G. W. Sisson.

South Cambridge, Hunkirk and Schaghticoke—H. J. White.

Stamford, Vt.—D. C. Abbott.

**Burlington District.**  
District Superintendent, B. M. Kent.

Arlington and Sandgate—J. G. Robinson.

Bennington—P. L. Dow.

Manchester Center—L. D. Penman.  
East Arlington—J. D. Gouthey.

North Hoosick—E. G. Visscher.  
Pownal—Kingman Gollidge.

Rupert—Edwin Genge.  
Salem—H. A. Durtée.

Shaftsbury—Supplied by Peter Heller.

South Shaftsbury—Peter Heller.  
Shushan and West Arlington—F. E. Taussig.

South Shaftsbury—G. E. Watson.  
West Helbron and Belcher—A. E. Austin.

White Creek and North Bennington—F. W. Hayford.

**BIG LEAGUE BASEBALL**

**American League.**  
Boston 5, Washington 1 (eight innings, rain).

Detroit 3, Cleveland 1 (12 innings).  
Chicago 6, St. Louis 5 (11 innings).  
Philadelphia-New York, rain.

**Standing of the Teams.**

	Won.	Lost.	P. C.
Boston	4	0	1.000
Chicago	4	2	.667
St. Louis	2	2	.500
New York	1	1	.500
Cleveland	2	3	.400
Washington	1	2	.333
Detroit	2	4	.333
Philadelphia	0	3	.000

**National League.**  
Chicago 6, St. Louis 5 (11 innings).  
Pittsburg 10, Cincinnati 1.  
Other games, rain.

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Pittsburg	3	3	.500
New York	1	2	.333
Chicago	2	4	.333
Brooklyn	0	2	.000

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**ROAD MONEY COMING**

State Commissioner Will Match That Raised by Subscription.

State Highway Commissioner S. B. Bates has notified County Supervisor, James L. Davis that Bennington can have the state money needed for the west road to meet the amount raised by subscription. This amount is \$3500.

This money from the state is on condition that the road is completed from the state line to connect with the road now built and also that Bennington resurface the road from Bennington village to the Woodford line and that the main road beyond the new section on Harwood hill be improved. All the work must be done to the satisfaction of the state and county commissioners.

This arrangement will enable the use of the regular town and state money on the Woodford road and on Harwood hill and will ensure the completion of the west road to the state limit. Taken as a whole it should mean a greater advance in road building in Bennington than in any previous year.

**ROOSEVELT MUM ON MEXICO**

Awaits Administration's Attitude on Troops' Withdrawal.

Oyster Bay, L. I., April 17.—Colonel Roosevelt refused to discuss the Mexican situation today, pending definite information concerning the attitude of the administration on the withdrawal of the troops.

Rumors that Villa's death was false were reported were read here with great interest. The Colonel will be in New York on Wednesday.

**TELLS OF RUSSIAN MUTINY**

German News Agency Says 27 Perished in Barracks Set on Fire.

Berlin, April 17. (by Wireless to Sayville).—The Overseas News Agency today made public the following: "Russian soldiers at Nibolayevsk, Government of Samara, mutinied and set fire to the barracks. Twenty-seven soldiers perished in the flames. The men complained of ill treatment from their officers."

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Former Attache Indicted for Conspiracy to Destroy Welland Canal

**CAN'T BE BROUGHT TO TRAIL**

Alleged Offense Not Extraditable Under Treaty With Any Foreign Government.

New York, April 17.—Captain Franz von Papan, recalled military attache to the German embassy at Washington, was indicted by the federal grand jury here today as the organizer and financier of an alleged conspiracy to blow up the Welland canal in Canada.

With him also were indicted Captain Hans Taucher, alleged agent of the Krupps in the United States and husband of Mme. Johanna Gadsch, the prima donna; Constantine Govani, Alfred J. Fritz and another whose name has not been revealed. It was learned from a reliable source that the latter is a prominent German whose name has been mentioned frequently in connection with German propaganda. His arrest is expected tomorrow.

Federal officials do not expect to bring von Papan to trial. While he is no longer immune from prosecution by the United States civil authorities since he ceased to be a member of the German embassy staff, the offense with which